

# Richmond May Quit Virginia League--Bowling Tourney Starts

**IN THE WAKE OF THE GAME**  
By Gus Malbert

THE RISING question: Have you heard about the new league?

ONCE BEFORE, when Richmond was ready for almost anything in the baseball line other than the Virginia League, Richmond had to go outside the organization forces to get it. Now organized baseball is knocking at the door. All things come, etc.

VIRGINIA HOSPITALITY: The latchstring is on the outside.

SPEAKING OF that circuit, that tentative circuit, notice that car fare will not be as great as it is in the Virginia League. With Newark as the farthest North and Richmond as the farthest South, six hours will cover the longest journey.

WELL, the Virginia League brought it on itself. Which may or may not be saving.

SPEAKING OF the Messrs. Ward and their doughmaking establishment in Brooklyn, F. P. A., of the New York Tribune, says: "Why not the Breadalbar League?"

MOST CERTAINLY NOT. Genevieve, no one, not even Horace Fogel, ever said that Charles W. Murphy was a bull fighter. Thrower, that's the word; thrower.

NOTE THAT Charles H. Ebbetts is to get back \$15,000 of his purchase money in the Tinker deal. Pity, great pity. Brooklyn will now be denied a holiday.

BUT THE "H" in his name stands for Holiday, writes a wag in Flat-bush.

STILLNESS at local headquarters prevents us from furnishing our usual quota of info.

Says C. Webb Murphy to Tammany's boss:  
"You ain't got nothin' on me, ole boss."  
"Nothin' 'cept silence, which some calls gold."  
Says C. Webb Murphy, and crawls in his hole.

THERE'S A smattering of very sizeable material among the persons gathered here to engage in a bowling tournament on the Palace Alleys. Records may not be hung up, but for the real, unexpurgated, sin-pure variety of good, old-fashioned rooting, we'll stack a bowling tourney gallery against the world, and at odds, too.

IF WE COULD bowl—but then, we can't, so what's the use with space valuable.

WE PRESENT to-day pictures of Michael Loan and William Troutman, young missionaries to the Land of Swat. They will arrive come the day of March. Both lusty, prophesying youths, with the usual confidence in their ability.

"Joe Boehling is no flivver," says Nicholas Altrock, thespian, in a Washington paper. Which is our idea of no news at all. We knew it some time ago. Boehling will be even a greater success this season than last. He's big, strong, ambitious, willing, and has ability. If there is a stronger combination of attributes necessary for success in baseball trot them out for inspection.

REMINING US that we haven't said anything nice about a certain young physician who lives amongst us during the winter. We refer to Doctor Yancy Wyatt Ayers. Likewise, Mr. Foreman, kill that standing headline: "Ayers Wins Another Via Shutout Route." Or better, send it to Washington; they'll need it this season. In just a few days Ayers will leave us to join the Washington squad in Charlottesville. You can't find a man in Richmond or in Hillsville who doesn't think he'll make good.

THREE WAR centres: Huerta, Murphy and Murphy—the Tiger and his Cub.

## WILLIAM AND MARY READY FOR BATTLE

Williamsburg Quint Expects to Take Measure of Richmond College To-Night.

Williamsburg, Va., February 17.—William and Mary's basketball team is ready for the big game with Richmond College here to-morrow night. Though losing to Randolph-Macon last Saturday in Ashland, after running away with Hampden-Sydney the night before, they have high hopes of defeating their ancient rivals.

The team has shown great improvement in the last few weeks, and should make things lively for the Spiders. The game in Ashland was played a few minutes after the William and Mary team had arrived—without any supper or rest. A big athletic rally will be held here to-night, and some lively rooting at the game should be the outcome.

## FEDERAL LEAGUE HAS 175 PLAYERS

Gilmore Satisfied With Outlook. Will Announce Names of Men in Installments.

Chicago, Ill., February 17.—The Federal League has signed 175 players, and the roster soon may be announced in installments, President James Gilmore intimates to-night. A meeting will be held here in a week or ten days, at which reports on the playing strength of the clubs will be made. The league will hold its schedule meeting in Baltimore the first week in March, it was announced to-night.

President Gilmore received a message from Toledo to-day asking whether there is any possibility for the transfer of the Kansas City Federal League team to that city, which will be vacated by the American Association team. No further changes in the Federal League's make-up are expected, Gilmore said.

## TWO ASPIRING COLTS



They are William Troutman and Mike Loan. Both are men of experience, and men in whom Manager Ryan has great confidence. Loan is a catcher and Troutman an outfielder. Loan is from Philadelphia and Troutman from Nescopeck, Pa.

## WANT RICHMOND AS MEMBER OF NEW LEAGUE NOW FORMING

Organized Baseball, Seeking Protection from Invaders, Proposes Organization With Washington, Baltimore, Newark, Reading, Patterson, Wilmington, Harrisburg and Richmond as Circuit—Plans Formulated—Local Owners Prepared to Join.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Having given every evidence that they were not overly anxious for the Virginia League to continue, magnates of that organization are about to experience the mild sensation of finding themselves dropping through the trap they have sprung. Mr. Haman once upon a time built a gallows for his enemies, real or imaginary, and Mr. Haman—but everybody knows what happened to Mr. Haman, and he hasn't got very much to do with this story anyway.

Richmond is to have baseball, and the probability is that it will not be in the Virginia League. Unfortunately, the magnates of the Virginia League, in their blindness, and in their endeavor to wreak vengeance upon poor, long-suffering Richmond, have failed to keep their fingers upon the public pulse. Now that Richmond is about to be lost permanently to the organization, the magnates may revel in Bacchanalian glee, if they so mind, at the satisfaction of knowing that they have achieved their purpose.

It will be a very tame and tractable Richmond that is to be represented in the assemblage here on Saturday. Having had to carry the onus of being the one prosperous city in the league thus long, representatives of the club will offer no resistance to the Wallingfordian panacea, in the way of an equitable schedule, to be offered.

Batting Order of New League.

Newark, Baltimore, Washington, Harrisburg, Reading, Patterson, Wilmington and Richmond—that's the tentative batting order for the new league, and it's gone so far on its way that a meeting will be held in a couple of days to arrange all of the details. That may not be pleasant news to the other magnates of the Virginia League, but it will ring awfully good to our home bugles, which is the real point, after all. Listen good?

Nor is this new league merely a threat for the purpose of causing the Virginia League magnates to wobble a little bit in their purpose to make Richmond suffer. Not one little bit. For, even though smooth had been the waters, the new league was inevitable. Truthfully, there can be no question but that the brazen attempt of the other magnates to take a thrust at Richmond at every opportunity, sometimes making the opportunity, hastened matters. It got everybody interested. And the present hazardous position of organized baseball has helped materially. But for the benefit of the ostrich membership of the Virginia League directorate, many days.

Prepared to Pay Price.

Richmond is prepared right now to buy its way out of the Virginia League, if necessary. It is not thought that any expenditure for this purpose will be needed. That part of the proposition will take care of itself, think all angles, and are ready for any contingency that may arise.

For instance, the withdrawal of Richmond should by no means wreck the Virginia League. There is looked over, and hustling Suffolk is anxious to talk business. That's one argument on the side of Richmond. The franchise could be peacefully transferred to any one of the cities named, with no expense, and with the added advantage that Richmond would not be holding a close corporation in money-making, so far as the Virginia League is concerned.

Conferences between local men already interested in baseball and men in the other cities named have been held. Charles H. Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn club and of the Newark club in the International League, believes that with a working good class "B" club in Baltimore he can drive the Federal League into the lion's den, for it would not only keep his park open all of the time and keep interest keyed to its highest point, but would give him a ready-made fan at home from which he could get good material and to which he could send the men not quite ripe for the big tent.

Tri-State Is Ready.

The Tri-State League is not as secure as it might be, and a reorganization which would get the larger cities of that circuit into an organization such as that contemplated would be gladly welcomed. One of the fortunate circumstances is that plants are already established in each of the proposed cities, and all of them have teams already engaged for the playing season. The advantage of this is obvious. Time is saved, and once a schedule is adopted, the next step is "play ball."

The position of the local owners is one of progress. They are determined that Richmond shall have better baseball than the Virginia League can afford, and are willing to go any limit, provided it does not entail an outlay practically prohibitive, to get Richmond into faster company. They are convinced that a league, such as that now proposed, with a salary limit of from \$3,000 to \$3,500, will admit of just the article of baseball required.

But they are by no means fighting the Virginia League. Let that be clearly understood. The turning point, however, has been reached. Richmond has outgrown the Virginia League, and the men back of the club here are merely desirous of taking advantage of any opportunity offered to improve matters. They are young and progressive, and simply show the spirit of the city as a whole.

## JOHN MARSHALL TO PLAY ASHLAND FIVE

Last Game on Home Floor by Public School Lads—Jefferson Next.

John Marshall's basketball team will meet the Ashland High School quint this afternoon in the local's gymnasium at 4 o'clock. This will be the last game that the Marshallites play in Richmond, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

The Ashland five has been going good of late, and will no doubt cause the locals some trouble. If they play the game in basketball that they did in football against the Marshallites the latter will have to go "some" to win out.

This game will be a sort of conditioning affair for John Marshall, as the white and blue team goes up against what is probably the strongest prep team in the State Saturday, when they meet the Jefferson quint in Charlottesville.

The Jefferson team has been playing some wonderful ball this season, and is confident of taking the locals into camp Saturday night, while the Richmond lads are just as confident that they are going to prove the toughest proposition Jefferson has struck this year. The winner of Saturday's game will probably play the Lynchburg High School team for the championship of the State.

## RULES COMMITTEE IS NOW AT WORK

President Hill, of Amateur Commission, Names Men Who Will Revise Rules.

President Julian H. Hill has appointed Messrs. Hooper, Black and Bailey, of the Amateur Baseball Commission, as a committee to recommend changes in the playing rules governing organized amateur baseball in Richmond. This committee will meet at the call of the chairman, Mr. Bailey, and after having completed its work will report back to the commission. A number of radical changes will probably be made in the rules.

Announcement that the league baseball park would probably be at the disposal of the amateurs this season has been received with unfeigned joy, and schedule makers in the several leagues are already contemplating bumper crowds when the league team is away from home. There will be doubleheaders every Saturday, while games will be arranged for Thursdays and Fridays.

WAKE FOREST LOST TO UNDEFEATED FIVE OF UNIVERSITY IN POOR GAME.

## VIRGINIA ADDS ANOTHER VICTIM

Wake Forest loses to undefeated five of University in poor game.

Charlottesville, Va., February 17.—Virginia's undefeated five won from Wake Forest here to-night, rolling up 50 points against their opponents' 16 without exertion. The Orange and Blue showed excellent form in every department of the game. Strickland, Virginia's big centre, who has developed into one of the best she has ever had, and Nichols shot with deadly accuracy. The visitors were not dangerous at any time. Virginia students are awaiting with interest the results of the team's trip North next week, for its success should conclusively prove it champion of the South-Atlantic division. Lineup: Wake Forest—Holding, right forward; Blankenship, left forward; Tyner, centre; Davis, right guard; Billings, left guard. Virginia—Nichols, right forward; Strickley, left forward; Strickland, centre; Campbell, right guard; Luck, left guard.

Substitutions—Williams for Tyner, Henley for Davis, Hall for Blankenship, Waddell for Strickley, White for Nichols, Dietrick for Campbell, Smith for Luck. Goals from field—Nichols 15, Strickley 4, Strickland 12, Campbell 3, Dietrick 2, Holding 2, Tyner 1, Billings 3. Goals from foul—Strickley 2, Strickland 2, Blankenship 1, Hall 3.

## SWEDE AND BULGAR TO MEET ON MAT FRIDAY

Sendeles and Olsen Each Anxious to Get Chance at Dr. Roller in March—Turner and Duchesne Will Battle for Middleweight Championship Honors—Joe Jackson as Referee.

Increasing interest in the double wrestling bill to be staged in the City Auditorium Friday night is being shown wherever gather followers of this intense game. George Sendeles, the Bulgarian monarch, and Neil Olsen, the tremendous Swede, who will furnish a real thriller in the way of a heavyweight engagement, write that they are preparing more earnestly for this match than for any in recent months. They both realize what it means to have an opportunity to meet Dr. Roller, who, next to Frank Gotch, the heavyweight champion, is regarded as the greatest wrestler the world has ever produced.

Both Sendeles and Olsen wanted Roller to promise a handicap match, but he refused, respecting entirely too much both the Bulgarian and the Swede to take any chances. Roller believes that he can whip either man, but he is not so sanguine that he will promise to throw either in a limited time. "I know both these men," he writes, "and I know that it will be pretty nearly a man-sized job to throw either one. In the game to build up a reputation, and I've succeeded pretty well. Do these fellows think that I'm going to jeopardize that reputation by taking either one of them on in a handicap affair and losing? I feel that I will be pretty lucky to throw them." Sendeles and Olsen will be the biggest men ever seen on a local mat. The Swede will weigh 230 pounds. Weigh Over 200 Pounds.

## EBBETTS'S PLANS ARE FRUSTRATED

Jersey City Balks at Rental of \$50,000 for Use of Ball Park.

New York, February 17.—The plan of organized baseball to place an international league team in Brooklyn to compete with the invading Federal League team to-day was abandoned after negotiations between President Charles H. Ebbetts of the Brooklyn National League, and Thomas Fogarty, of the Jersey City International League club, had failed of their purpose. Ebbetts, it was learned, desired to charter the Jersey City team a sum reported to be \$50,000 for permission to play in the Newark ball park, which he controls. Ebbetts holds that the Jersey City players would enjoy the patronage which last year supported a championship team.

Had the plan been carried out, Ebbetts intended to transfer the Newark club, which he owns, to Brooklyn, playing on the National League grounds there, while the Jersey City team would play in Newark. Fogarty, however, refused to meet Ebbetts's terms.

This leaves the International League circuit of 1913 intact. The work of clearing the snow from Washington Park, the former Brooklyn National grounds, which will be the home of the Federals in that city, to-day was begun preparatory to erecting the stands, which the Federal League officials here say will be completed in time for the opening of the season.

It was announced that the Federals do not purpose to arrange playing dates that will conflict to any extent with the home games of the Brooklyn Nationals, but plan only to furnish "continuous ball." Only on a few days early in the season will both teams be playing in town at the same time, it was said.

No manager has been selected for the Brooklyn Federals, according to John M. Ward, associated with the control of the team, nor have any players of note been signed to date. It was said the team may train at Monroe, Ga., about three hours from Augusta, where the Brooklyn Nationals will train.

## BOWLING TOURNEY IS ON IN EARNEST

First of Five-Men Teams in Intercity Meet Roll To-Night.

The second annual tri-city bowling tournament will begin to-day, when the driveways at the Palace alleys will be alive with knights of the big pins madly endeavoring to smash records and to earn some of the \$500 cash offered in prizes. The first tourney was held in Washington last year. Baltimore, Richmond and Washington will be officially represented. Petersburg will have four five-men teams in attendance, but the Cockade City Association merged its interests with the local association and thereby loses its official identity though the men from across the Appomattox expect to be up among the high scores.

To-day will be given to local teams entirely. Noid's No. 2 and Remington's No. 11 will represent Class B, while Newport's No. 1 and Mann & Brown will be the representatives from Class C. All four of these teams are prepared and are fit as fiddles for the fray. While it is not probable that they will break any records, they are certain to hang out pretty fair marks for their followers to shoot at.

To-morrow the Metropolitan, five from Baltimore, runners-up in the National Bowling Association tourney last year, will take possession of the alleys with Palace No. 2, Newport Nos. 2 and 3.

The program for to-day and to-morrow follows:

To-Day.	
Five-men teams at 8:30 P. M.	Class, Alleys.
Noid's Tip-Tops, No. 2	B 2, 4, 7
Remingtons, No. 11	B 3, 5, 9
Newports, No. 1	C 4, 7, 2
Mann & Brown, Baltimore	C 5, 8, 3
To-Morrow.	
Five-men teams at 8:30 P. M.	Class, Alleys.
Metropolitans, Baltimore	A 2, 4, 5
Palace, No. 2	B 3, 5, 8
Newports, No. 2	C 4, 7, 2
Newports, No. 3	C 5, 8, 3



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